

Manteca, California
April 24, 2001

The Board of Directors of the South San Joaquin Irrigation District met in regular adjourned session in their chambers at the hour of 8:00 a.m.

Upon roll call the following members were noted present:

DIRECTORS: DEGROOT HAWORTH KAMPER SCHULZ
 ABSENT: ROOS

Also present were Assistant Manager/Secretary Stein, Attorney Emrick, Engineering Supervisor Bologna, Operations Superintendent Morrow, and Executive Secretary Burke.

President Kamper called the meeting to order and asked for Public Comment. There being none he asked the Board to Consider approving the Consent Calendar Items as presented.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. SSJID Warrants of \$87,021.00.
- B. Regular Board Meeting Minutes of April 10, 2001.

Motion by Director Schulz, seconded by Director Haworth, to approve the consent Calendar Items as presented.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 24th day of April 2001 by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: DeGroot Haworth Kamper Schulz
Noes: None
Absent: Roos

Discussion and possible action considering a change in mobile telephone services from AT&T to Nextel. Ron Morrow addressed the Board. He said he and Tom Haggard tested the Nextel phone/radio for approximately one week. The cost with Nextel would be significantly less than the current fee paid to AT&T. Nextel offers a monthly rate of \$99.99, for the first 12 months. This plan includes unlimited local use with additional charges for long distance calls. After 12 months, the monthly fee remains the same, with all incoming calls free and 900 minutes of outgoing calls per month. The cost is 25 cents per minute for any time above the 900. Morrow recommends that we purchase 4 or 5 phones at this time and test them for a few weeks before buying them for all users. Kamper suggested trying the phones in different divisions but keeping the AT&T phones for incoming calls during the test. After discussion it was **moved by Schulz, seconded by Haworth, and unanimously carried to purchase 5 phones, test them in each division and then have staff come back to the Board with their recommendations.**

Review and authorize upgrading the wiring of Woodward Gate House. Morrow said the wiring at the Gate House is old and not up to today's standards. He has three quotes, with the low being \$2,475.55 from Riley Electric. Morrow recommends taking the low bid. **Motion by Haworth, seconded by DeGroot, and unanimously carried, to approve the work and authorize retaining Riley Electric to perform the work at a cost not to exceed \$2,475.55.**

Discussion and possible action concerning the installation of a 100 amp commercial 120/240 volt service and appurtenances to the "Rq" Divide. Morrow asked that the item be tabled until the next meeting so he can get additional information. The Board concurred. No action was taken.

Approve temporary water delivery service agreement for Doornenbal Dairy. Sam Bologna, Engineering Supervisor, told the Board this agreement is the same as we had with Doornenbal last year. He said that Rein Doornenbal is still trying to annex into the District and has come to terms to detach from Central San Joaquin. **Motion by Schulz, seconded by Haworth, and unanimously carried to approve the temporary and authorize execution of same.**

Consider interim appointments for the General Manager until a replacement is hired. **Motion by Schulz, seconded by Kamper, and unanimously carried to appoint Assistant General Manager Stein as the Interim Manager.**

Mr. Al Vargas of the Department of Food and Agriculture addressed the Board to obtain the District's support for a Cal-Fed proposal for Temple and Lone Tree Creeks watershed planning. Mr. Vargas told the Board that the program was to educate dairy owners on Watershed Improvement, also known as the California Dairy Quality Assurance Program. He asked that the District provide a letter of support for the effort. After considerable discussion, it was moved by **Haworth, seconded by DeGroot, and unanimously carried, to approve sending a letter of support for the program.**

Consider authorizing contract amendment with Environmental Science Associates (ESA). Grant Kreinberg, Consultant for the South County Water Treatment Project addressed the Board and said the Operating Committee recommended approving the amendment. The amendment is for a not to exceed amount of \$41,855. **Motion by DeGroot, seconded by Kamper, and unanimously carried, to approve the amendment of the contract with ESA.**

Kris Kristensen of Shannon & Associates arrived at 9:30 a.m. and told the Board there would be six candidates here today, beginning at 10:00 a.m. President Kamper called for closed session. Attorney Emrick reported that the Board will be discussing items 12 b and e in closed session. Mr. Stein left the meeting. After discussing item 12 e Mr. Emrick left the room and Mr. Kristensen joined the Board to assist in the interviewing of 6 candidates for the General Manager position.

- c) Public Employment Appointment, General Manger, Gov. Code, S. 54957.
- d) Conference with legal counsel, anticipated litigation, significant exposure to litigation,

Gov. Code, S. 54956.9 (b). One case.

At 12:30 the Board adjourned for lunch. At 1:00 p.m. the Board resumed open session and President Kamper asked the Board to consider the following:

Consider support for San Joaquin County position paper on salinity. Attorney Emrick said the County's letter asks that salt standards, at points upstream of Vernalis, be established. Emrick said he feels this is not our fight and we should not get involved. Director Haworth said he agrees with the letter and made the following motion. **That the District approve the letter as submitted and authorize execution of the letter by the President or Secretary of the Board.**

Authorize staff to assemble bids for reapportionment. Emrick said we have to do a reapportionment by June of 2002. Director Schulz inquired as to who did the last reapportionment. Stein said it was Garcia Davis of Ceres. It was the consensus of the Board to get proposals and to see what we may be able to do internally. No action was taken.

Consider entering into a consulting agreement with Rick Martin, effective May 1, 2001. Emrick reported that Martin presented a proposal to him of \$1,500 for 20 hours work per month plus out-of-pocket expenses and \$75.00 per hour for time worked over 20 hours a month. The agreement would be for a period of two months. He said Martin would be available to do USBR Negotiations, water treatment plant work, and other issues as required. **Motion by DeGroot, seconded by Haworth, and unanimously carried, to approve an agreement with Rick Martin as outlined by Attorney Emrick. Additionally, to authorize execution of the agreement to be prepared by Attorney Emrick.**

Director Schulz asked that the Board address item 2 again: Consider Interim appointments for General Manager until a replacement is hired. **Motion by Schulz, seconded by Kamper, and unanimously carried, to increase the salary of the Interim Manager, John Stein, by \$1,000 per month effective April 24, 2001 until a new General Manager is on Board.**

Manager's and Director's reports:

Stein gave the Board copies of the latest water delivery reports.

Stein reported that the County Health Department is requiring the District to solve the problem of high nitrates in the District's well. Basically we have three options. 1) Drill a new well. 2) Hook up to the counties well at the Industrial Park located just east of the District. 3) Get the City of Manteca to bring their domestic water to the District. The Board agreed we should talk to the City of Manteca.

Stein reported that the District purchased bands for the "La" Line which is leaking. He said the contractor will install the bands. He noted that we are currently working with both the supplier, who states the problem is with the contractor, and the contractor who says the problem is with the supplier.

Stein read the following Encroachment Agreement into the record.

Robert and Whitney Ryan, APN 203-370-06, to encroach upon Lateral "T" with a storage shed and a swimming pool.

President Kamper asked the Board to return to closed session to continue discussion of item 12 c). Mr. Stein and Mr. Emrick left the meeting.

Upon returning from closed session, President Kamper reported there was no reportable action taken in closed session.

There being no further business to come before the Board it was moved by DeGroot, seconded by Schulz, and unanimously carried to adjourn to May 8, 2001 at 9:00 a.m.

ATTEST:

Cheryl Burke, Executive Secretary